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Work and Workers.

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS announce for early publication Professor G. B. Stevens' *Paraphrase of the Epistle to the Romans*.

PROFESSOR A. B. DAVIDSON, D.D., of New College, Edinburgh, is to be congratulated on the fact that his *Hebrew Syntax* has already passed into a second edition.

DR. OTTO RITSCHL, of the evangelical theological faculty of the University of Bonn, has been promoted from extraordinary to ordinary professor in the same faculty.

PROFESSOR H. G. MITCHELL, of Boston University, has just issued the third edition of his little Hebrew text-book for beginners, through the house of D. C. Heath & Co.

PROFESSOR W. M. F. PETRIE, of Egyptological fame, has been honored by the philosophical faculty of the University of Strassburg with the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy.

PROFESSOR GIESEBRECHT, of the University of Greifswald, has just issued *Die Berufsbegabung der alttestamentlichen Propheten*, through the firm of Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, of Göttingen.

PROFESSOR AUGUST SABATIER, dean of the Protestant theological faculty of the University of Paris, whose work on the apostle Paul has attracted such universal attention, has been named by the French government as an officer of the Legion of Honor.

DR. JOHN HENRY BARROWS has been appointed to be the next Ely lecturer before Union Theological Seminary, New York, January 31 to February 24. His theme will be "The Christian Conquest of Asia," and his eight lectures will present the results of his observations in the Orient.

PROFESSOR W. M. RAMSAY, D.C.L., of Aberdeen University, has written a book on *Impressions of Turkey*, which is just appearing in the lists of Hodder & Stoughton, London. Professor Ramsay has spent

considerable time in Turkey, and this volume gives much valuable information on the Turk and his government.

OCEAN CITY was the scene of a new Bible Conference, beginning August 15. The leading spirits in the conference were Rev. J. F. Carson and Rev. C. Woelfkin, of Brooklyn. Revs. A. B. Prichard, W. J. Erdman, D.D., J. R. J. Milligan, R. H. McCready, Ph.D., Chas. H. Yatman, and others, participated in the programme.

CHANCELLOR O. C. S. WALLACE, D.D., of McMaster University, Toronto, Ont., is the writer of thirty studies on the "Labors and Letters of the Apostles," to appear in the columns of the *Baptist Union* from September 18, 1897, to April 23, 1898. These studies constitute the Sacred Literature Course of the Christian Culture Courses for the current year.

THE Bible Conference of the Northwest, the second annual session, was held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 24-27, and at St. Paul, August 29 to September 1. Prominent speakers from outside of the twin cities were Rev. Alex. Patterson, D.D., of Chicago; Rev. E. F. Stroeter, D.D., of New York, and Rev. E. P. Marvin, of Lockport, N. Y. The chief themes discussed were inspiration (verbal), prophetic study, the pre-millennial coming of Christ, and personal work. A deep devotional spirit pervaded the meetings, and they were well attended.

MR. JOSEPH JACOBS has assumed the general editorship of a series of volumes to be published by The Macmillan Co., under the title *The Jewish Library*. Each volume will be scholarly, yet popular in form, and will embrace the best results of recent investigation on various aspects of Jewish life. Among those announced we notice *Jewish Life in the Middle Ages*, by Israel Abrahams; *Aspects of Rabbinic Theology*, by S. Schechter; *Return of the Jews to England*, by Lucien Wolf; *The Early History of the Jews in the United States*, by Professor Richard Gottheil, of Columbia College, N. Y., and *Jewish Ceremonial*, by Dr. Cyrus Adler of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

THE latest publication in the series of American Lectures on the History of Religions is by Professor D. G. Brinton, of the University of Pennsylvania, and is entitled *Religions of Primitive Peoples*. The Committee on Publication announces that in 1897-8 the lectures will be given by Professor Cheyne, of Oxford, upon Religious Thought and Life among the Hebrews in Post-Exilic Days; and in 1898-9 by Pro-

fessor Karl Budde, of the University of Strassburg, upon Religious Life and Thought among the Hebrews in Pre-Exilic Days.

The great interest now felt in such studies is further evidenced by the first course of Jewett lectures to be given by R. H. Charles, of Oxford, at the Passmore Edwards Settlement in London, upon the History of Jewish Religious Thought during the Two Hundred Years before Christ.

It is a fact not without interest to biblical students that the popular magazines and even the daily papers find it worth their while to give space at times to the discussion of biblical topics. The *National Magazine*, one of the ten-cent magazines, which has something of a sale at the news-stands, is publishing an illustrated serial on *Christ and His Times*, by Dallas Lore Sharp. The articles retell the gospel story, with the addition of some imaginative details. The treatment is more conspicuous for sobriety than for any suggestions of dramatic power or profound insight. The illustrations are largely by such modern artists as Plockhorst, Zimmerman, and Delaroche, though Doré is also drawn upon. The article by F. G. Kenyon, M.A., of the British Museum, published in the September number of *McClure's Magazine*, is of somewhat different character. It is entitled *When were the Gospels Written?* and deals chiefly with the recovery of the *Diatessaron* of Tatian and the bearing of the discovery on the question of the date of our gospels. It shows how the recovery of the *Diatessaron* of Tatian (written between A. D. 160 and 170) has served to ruin forever the structure which Baur and his followers reared upon their own imaginings, and to render any similar theory much more difficult and less plausible. This latter article is, we are glad to see, reproduced in the *American Review of Reviews*. It is also reported that "Ian Maclaren" is to write a Life of Christ for *McClure's* for 1898. It is to be hoped that the editors have not misjudged the taste of their readers in the publication of these articles, and that they may be justified in publishing others of the same character.